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Liverpool, which suffered particularly from the dock trouble, and Hull were the only leading ports whose total trade declined, Liverpool's exports of British goods, however, rose by over eight millions to £149,241,842, as against London's £24,587,339. Her imports on the other hand, were only £159,014,762, while London's were £229,968,484.

Appended are the figures for the total volume of trade—imports, exports, and re-exports—of the leading ports in the last two years:

	1910.	1911
London	\$368,202,536	\$368,202,536
Liverpool	\$24,587,339	\$24,587,339
Hull	\$24,587,339	\$24,587,339
Manchester	\$24,587,339	\$24,587,339
Southampton	\$24,587,339	\$24,587,339
Glasgow	\$24,587,339	\$24,587,339

London is still the great port for the re-export of foreign & Colonial goods, last year's total being £25,626,213, as compared with £27,282,393 from Liverpool.

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HIGH EXCHANGE IN CHINA.

BY CONSUL-GENERAL GEORGE E. ANDERSON,
HONGKONG, IN THE "LONDON"
AND CHINA EXPRESS.

The manner in which Chinese foreign trade in recent years has depended greatly on the exchange value of silver has been indicated in various articles in Daily Consular and Trade Reports, and is becoming recognised to a greater extent by the exporters and importers of the United States. It is of unusual present importance, being generally recognised by all trade authorities in the Far East that the high exchange value of silver since last fall, and particularly notable during the first half of 1912, marks the beginning of a high exchange period in the Orient which is likely to continue for some time, probably several years.

While there is no certainty about any such matter, and exchange may fall at any time, it is generally considered that the revolution in China and demand for cash payments following restricted credits, have led to an increased demand for silver which in itself will raise its price in exchange above what it has been for several years. The necessity for funds in China for establishing the new regime and effecting some pressing reforms (which has been the subject of tentative arrangement between foreign financiers and the Chinese Government), creates an additional demand for silver in reforming the currency system. Elements in the increased demand for silver being so many and varied all Eastern authorities agree that exchange will be high for some time—the only question being how high.

A "TWO-SHILLING DOLLAR"—PRESENT TRADE TENDENCIES.

Bankers in Hongkong generally agree that there will be at least a "two-shilling dollar"—a Hongkong dollar at c. 48 gold or more. The general influence of this movement on trade may be realised by the fact that in 1906, when the average value of the bahtwan (or customs) tael in China was c. 80 gold imports of China were valued at \$328,218,066, and exports only \$199,163,301, while in 1909, when the tael was at c. 50 gold imports were valued at only \$269,499,582, while exports advanced to \$218,585,473.

Present general trade prospects in China, therefore, indicate increased Chinese imports and decreased Chinese exports. This has already been exemplified somewhat in trade for the first half of 1912, although local and temporary conditions have led to some modification of the general movement. For example, interference with trade during the first months of this year, caused by lack of protection for valuable cargo passing into the interior and restriction of general credits following the disorders caused less import trade than would have developed otherwise. Great quantities of foreign goods, American cottons among them, were ordered and brought into Chinese ports and Hongkong, but have been kept warehoused somewhat ever since because of the impossibility of selling them. The volume of such goods leaving Europe and the United States since the middle of the last calendar year has been such as to give American and European traders a false idea of actual trade conditions here. Local firms, loaded with these great stocks of goods have complained loudly that European and American firms have crowded them by forwarding goods ordered with different conditions in view and the inability of Chinese middlemen to take goods of their hands under conditions which afford them the necessary safety. At the opening of the year Shanghai had in warehouse about 715,350,000, or \$22,780,000 gold, worth of foreign goods more than usual at such season, and Hongkong had probably more.

On the other hand, the necessity in many Chinese producing centres of realising money for present needs without regard to ultimate profit, or often of actual cost, has led to somewhat greater volume of exports than might have been expected. Nevertheless, the present general movement is in the direction of restricted exports and expanded imports.

HIGH EXCHANGE CREATES DEMAND FOR LUXURIES.—THE REACTION.

The matter of exchange has a direct bearing upon the nature of trade, particularly in imports. There are many classes of goods known considerably in China, but which cannot be imported and sold to the Chinese, generally because they are too expensive. Such goods are, however, particularly the better grade of foreign cotton goods, and many novel ties. Cheapening of such goods in terms of silver in China, which is the actual result of high exchange value of silver, enables a vastly widening circle of Chinese consumers to afford such goods. The more important result is the immediate improvement in quality of foreign goods purchased. High exchange

in China generally works especially to the benefit of American cotton goods. The Chinese consumer generally can afford to buy the higher grade American goods and to an unusual extent does so. There is also an increase in use of luxuries. High exchange notably increases imports of jewellery, watches, and clocks, foreign toilet articles, foreign clothing, foreign foodstuffs like flour, foreign hardware like enamelled ware, tools, and the like; in short, most foreign goods which often are too expensive for the Chinese consumer. Goods of standard Chinese production and consumption, but often imported from abroad, such as sugar, rice, leather, and the like, are greatly affected.

While high exchange thus stimulates foreign imports, however, the country, as a whole, goes into debt for the goods, and a period of high exchange and high imports in China generally is followed by a marked and even disastrous reaction. The immense imports of American cotton goods into China during the high exchange period of 1905-1907 were followed by the collapse of 1908. In the long run it is doubtful whether periods of high exchange are not unfortunate in their effects upon Chinese import trade as a whole. There is strong reason to believe that periods of moderate to low exchange mean more general prosperity in China and a safer and more permanent foreign trade.

RISE IN COST OF PRODUCTION—GENERAL EFFECTS.

Present restriction of exports from China by high exchange is likely to be exceptionally marked because cost of production of nearly all standard Chinese goods is constantly appreciating. In matting, for example, while there may be abundant straw and other supplies, the highest cost of labour, its scarcity and increasing independence, all restrict trade, while decreasing prices for goods on the basis of the same level of prices for the goods in the United States is taking the margin of sales here below the possibility of manufacture. In silk and tea and other commodities whose prices are fixed more or less by world demand and supply, the Chinese producer works at an increasing disadvantage as exchange rises, and, with the prospect of good supplies in both great staples in other countries where production is based upon a cost in gold, the disadvantage of the Chinese producer is becoming more and more marked.

For the American exporter the prospect is that the next year or two, in China will be one of the increased demand for his goods, probably followed by more or less of a collapse in trade, a time when present sales may be encouraged with a view of introducing American goods, but which should be looked after carefully against possible future disaster. In particular it is strongly probable that the restoration of anything like normal conditions in China will witness a demand for American and other foreign cotton goods comparable to that of 1905-1907, which can be interfered with only by a high range of prices in the United States and other producing countries.

Judgment has been given in an action against the owner of the junk Ningpo, taken by four of the crew, for four months' wages said to be due them. Evidence was led at considerable length and as a result the verdict was given in favour of the defendant.

Mr. G. F. Curtis has filed a petition for a rehearing, on the ground that the decision was in violation of the Consular Regulations, of Section 45.27 of the U.S. Revised Statutes and of the manual of instructions issued by the State Dept., entitled "Rights and Duties of Consuls."

Mr. Curtis has also filed a notice of a new action on behalf of other members of the crew.

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Cadmus	sloop	1075	6	1400	Comdr. F. P. M. T. Williams	Bangkok
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Janus	torpedo boat destroyer	280	6	3800	Lt.-Comdr. Maxwell	Hongkong
Keen	cruiser, 1st class	9000	14	22,000	Cpt. A. T. Hunt, C.S.I.M.	en route Hongkong
Kinshasa	river gunboat	614	4	1500	Lt.-Comdr. H. D. Marryat	Yangtze
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Woodcock	river gunboat	150	2	500	Lt.-Com. M. Blackwood	Yangtze
Woodlark	river gunboat	150	2	500	Lt.-Comdr. G. P. A. Mulock	Yangtze
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0.36	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. Murphy	West River
0.37	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. Nicol	West River

* Flagship of Vice-Admiral Alfred L. Winslow, K.C.B., O.V.O., C.M.G., Commander-in-Chief.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name	Flag and description	Tons	Guns	H.P.	Captain	Last report at
Kaiser Franz Joseph I	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	4000	45	8000	Capt. H. Nauts	Shanghai
Dupleix	French armoured cruiser	10,014	30	20,000	Capt. Verzes	Shanghai
Kleber	French armoured cruiser	9770	12	19,800	Capt. Goutis	Saigon
Decidée	French gunboat	445	10	7700	Lt.-Comdr. Vaudier	Saigon
Argus	French river gunboat	180	6	570	Lt.-Comdr. Dorlet	Canton
Vigilante	French gunboat	125	7	500	Lt.-Comdr. de Jerville	Canton
Peiho	French gunboat	130	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. Collin	Tongku
Dondard de Lagree	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. Dupuy Dutemps	Tchong-Kin

* Flagship of Rear-Admiral Colloch de Kerillis, Commander-in-Chief, the French China Station.

Name	Flag and description	Tons	Guns	H.P.	Captain	Last report at
Lynx	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. Boleix	Saigon
Protee	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. Boleix	Saigon
Styx	French armoured gunboat	1798	10	1700	Lt.-Comdr. Guillaume-Louis	Saigon
Fronde	French destroyer	350	7	303	Lt.-Comdr. Aurillac	Saigon
Therville	French destroyer	—	—	—	Capt. de Frigate Roncier	Hongkong
Pistolet	French destroyer	130	7	300	Comdr. de Manquessar	Saigon
Mousquet	French destroyer	307	6	300	—	Saigon
Manche	French surveying ship	1625	10	9000	Comdr. Voisin	Saigon

* Flagship of Capt. (Commodore) Boudault, Commanding the local defense force in China.

Name	Flag and description	Tons	Guns	H.P.	Captain	Last report at
Emden	German cruiser	3600	22	13,500	Capt. v. Reuter	Tientsin
Grafschoff	German armoured cruiser	11,900	36	26,900	Captain v. Uexkull	Tientsin
Illis	German gunboat	900	12	1300	Comdr. v. Gohren	Shanghai
Jaguar	German gunboat	900	12	1300	Comdr. Vanselow	Tientsin
Leipzig	German gunboat	3250	24	11,000	Capt. Bohndicke	Tientsin
Leuchs	German gunboat	900	10	1350	Comdr. Benndemann	Tientsin
Nürnberg	German cruiser	3400	22	13,500	Capt. Monberger	Tientsin
Otter	German river gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Lieut. Jantzen	Yangtze River
Scharnhorst	German flag ship	11,600	36	26,000	Capt. Boese	Shanghai
S. 90	German torpedo-boat	400	9	6500	Capt. Lieut. Berzenberg	Tientsin
Taku	German torpedo-boat	280	4	6000	Oldt. z. S. Claussen	Tientsin
Tiger	German gunboat	900	10	1350	Comdr. Luppe	Tientsin
Tientsin	German river gunboat	223	4	1300	Capt. Lieut. Feh. Fritke	Canton
Vaterland	German river gunboat	223	4	500	Oldt. z. S. Prinz	Shanghai

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THE LOAN TO CHINA.

THE "LONDON" LOAN GROUP.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, Sept. 26.

The Loan Group consists of Lloyd's, London and South Western, Capital and Counties, and Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.

Reuter learns that it is expected that the Six Powers interested in the larger loan will exercise their rights under the Boxer Indemnity Agreement to prevent alienation, for any purpose, of the revenues from the Salt Gabelle, which is hypothecated to the Boxer indemnity, and to outstanding loans. It is anticipated that a communication in this sense will be made to China immediately.

Reuter also learns that directly the Foreign Office heard that a Chinese loan was being negotiated they informed the promoters that if they proceeded they would be acting in direct opposition to the Government, who would be compelled to protest to the Chinese Government against the "train action."

CHINA'S LIABILITIES.

SIR JOHN JORDAN AND THE PRESIDENT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, Sept. 25.

Reuter's Peking correspondent states that Sir John Jordan has presented President Yuan Shih Kai with a statement of China's floating liabilities, which amount to nearly £10,000,000, which must be paid out of the proceeds of any forthcoming loan.

Sir John Jordan strongly urged the President to carefully consider the situation before committing China upon a course of which the Six Powers would disapprove.

GERMAN WOMEN AND DEAR FOOD.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, Sept. 26.

Reuter's Berlin correspondent telegraphs that twenty-seven Socialist women's meetings have been held protesting against dear food. They demanded that the Government should abolish the duties on food and that Local Authorities should provide meat at cost price.

THE BALKANS CRISIS.

COUNT BERCHTOLD ON THE SITUATION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, Sept. 25.

Reuter's correspondent at Vienna telegraphs that Count Berchtold, Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, addressing the Hungarian Delegation, welcomed the private Turco-Italian peace negotiations which he believed would cause the removal of foreign complications and facilitate a settlement of Turkey's domestic crisis. The fact that all the Cabinets agreed to his proposals for an exchange of views regarding the Balkans, secured a valuable pledge for the prevention of a violent solution. Russia was especially in earnest in her endeavours to ensure the maintenance of peace, but it would be a serious mistake to regard the dangers in the Balkans as averted. Statements in countries adjacent to Turkey had a heavy task to check irresponsible elements. His information justified the assumption that the present Government at Constantinople was diligently endeavouring to provide guarantees for the reasonable requirements of different nationalities. He concluded:—"The display of 'sheer lightning' from the Balkans is in no way reassuring, but diplomacy is not to stifle at the outset a possible conflagration. Great interests in Austro-Hungary are at stake, and only when armed by sea and land can we look to the future with easy minds."

WORLD'S SOUILLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

BARRY V. BURNAN.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, Sept. 25.

Barry and Burnan will sail for the world's championship from Putney to Mortlake on October 14th, the stake being 2000 said.

MUSCULAR RHEUMATISM.

STIFF neck, lame back, lumbago, pains in the side and chest, all indicate muscular rheumatism. There is no more satisfactory remedy for trouble of this kind than a dose of Chamberlain's Pain-Balm, managed well into the affected muscles. Many persons who have tried all other treatments have yielded to the soothing effect of this liniment. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

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THE LATE BARON MARSHALL.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, Sept. 25.

The public demonstrations which are being held in Berlin and throughout Germany to mark the esteem in which the late Baron Marshall von Bieberstein was held, and to express grief at his death, are unprecedented since the death of Prince Bismarck.

A NATIONAL LOSS.

The feeling that his death is a national loss is emphasised in an article in the official organ "Norddeutsche," which expresses the opinion that the skill and assiduity of Baron Marshall von Bieberstein would have succeeded in achieving favourable results for the Empire in the development of Anglo-German relations.

BRITISH OPINION.

Articles in the British Press are universally cordial. They state that Europe is poorer by the loss of one who has laboured for the world's peace. They hope his successor to London will be equally strong and virile, though it will probably be impossible adequately to replace him.

"IRONY OF FATE."

In view of the hopes of a rapprochement expressed on his arrival in London, his sudden demise is regarded as almost the irony of fate.

BRITISH CONDOLENCES.

Sir Edward Grey and the Lord Mayor of London have sent messages of condolence to the widow and family of the deceased statesman.

COMMENT OF THE FRENCH PRESS.

LATER. The French Press states that the death of Baron Marshall has made the Anglo-German rapprochement more remote than ever, and hopes that his successor will abandon illusory dreams of upsetting the Triple Entente.

MESSAGE FROM KING GEORGE.

LATER. His Majesty the King was among the first to send a message of sympathy.

A "HEROIC SUFFERER."

The Post Mortem examination revealed that Baron Marshall must have been a heroic sufferer for many years, as his organs, especially the heart, showed an advanced state of deterioration and calcification.

BALMORAL CONFERENCES.

STATEMENTS REGARDING PERSIA CONTRADICTED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, Sept. 25.

Reuter is informed that the newspaper statements that the conferences at Balmoral Castle are likely to lead to the practical partition of Persia are absolutely without foundation.

AN EMPIRE COURT OF APPEAL.

"A SUPREME AND UNIQUE TRIBUNAL."

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, Sept. 25.

Vicecount Haldane, the Lord Chancellor, speaking at Dundee, said: the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council was a great link in the Empire which had not received the attention it required. He hoped to be able to develop the importance of the meaning of this supreme and unique tribunal. "We do not desire to meddle with the affairs of the Dominion," he said, "but if we provide an absolutely impartial Court they will come thereto and welcome it."

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THE LOANS TO CHINA.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, Sept. 26.

The State Department at Washington officially denies that the efforts to place the Six Powers' Loan have been abandoned or that the attitude of the United States Government in the matter has changed.

"THE CITY" INTERESTED.

Sir John Jordan's action has caused a sensation and much speculation in city circles, which, according to the financial papers, favour China's action.

THE LOAN ON CHANGE.

The Stock Exchange, at the outset, opposed any issue except that of the six Powers' Loan, but when they ascertained that the security was identical they then took a favourable view of the £10,000,000 issue, which found an expression in the rush in the underwriting, in which there were dealings yesterday at 3-8 per cent. premium.

LIBERAL PAPERS' STRONG COMMENTS.

The "Daily News" and the "Daily Chronicle," in editorials denounce the action of the Powers. The former paper compares them to a "blood-sucking moneylender," while the latter is sorry to see Great Britain taking the lead in the unedifying business.

LATER.

"The Times" states that there could be no greater misfortune to the peace of the world than the resumption by the Powers of independent policies in China; and that, therefore, the action of the Chinese Government in contracting a new loan is fraught with dangerous possibilities, and that it is not surprising that the British Government should have given expression to their displeasure.

LIVELY SCENES IN ULSTER.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, Sept. 26.

Sir Edward Carson and Mr. F. E. Smith on visiting Portadown were greeted with fresh scenes of enthusiasm, semi-military guards of honour and the singing of the National Anthem. They also received addresses, replying to which Sir Edward Carson emphasised that they would all make any sacrifice when the hour of danger came.

Sir Edward Carson and Mr. Smith were then escorted through the decorated streets by a concourse of people, some armed, some mounted and others on foot.

SPORTING.

Cricket.

The following match will take place on Saturday, Sept. 28, on the Hongkong Cricket Club Ground:—

Mr. R. Hancock's XI Mr. Turner's XI
R. E. O. Bird Lt. A. G. White
Lt. W. F. Christian R. P. Thurlfield
Major F. J. Bowen S. H. Dodwell
A. N. Joseland Lt. Col. H. Dempsey

H. Hancock E. B. Reid
Capt. R. D. Crawford W. E. Warburton
J. W. Stephenson

Jellie A. A. Claxton
J. S. Lloyd A. C. E. Elborough
G. B. Seyer C. C. Clarke
Hon. Claud Severn A. H. Gillingham
C. C. Stark Capt. H. K. Hughes
S. S. Moore R. O. Hotchkiss
C. Bewick M. A. Mace
R. Hancock W. C. D. Turner

Play to commence at 2 p.m.

Ellis Kadoorie School.

YESTERDAY the boys of the Ellis Kadoorie School had their last swimming trip of the season. Aquatic sports were held, the results of the various events being as follow:—

50 yards (under 14) Tsui Pak Che, 1; To Fook Ko, 2.

Diving (over 14) The Kwok Ching, 1; Ho Hin Fan, 2; Tong Man Ying, 3.

Beginners' Race—Tsui Hon Soon, 1; Li Fat Chung, 2; Tsui Chun Kai, 3.

100 yards School Championship—Tong Man Ying, 1; Ho Hin Fan, 2; To Fook Ko, 3.

Diving (over 14) Tang Shun Ming, 1; Ho Hin Fan, 2; Tsui Pak Che, 3.

50 yards (over 14) Tong Man Ying, 1; Tang Shun Ming, 2; Ho Hin Fan, 3.

Consolation Race—Chiu Shiu Chai, 1; Li Fat, 2; Li On Cheung, 3.

Hongkong Football League.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Football League was held last evening at the Y.M.C.A. rooms, Mr. A. P. Storr presiding in the absence of the President, Mr. Hancock, who is visiting Japan. The clubs represented were K.O.Y.L.L., Hongkong, R.G.A., H.M.S. Tamar, Police, Royal Engineers, Boys Own Club, and H.M.S. Rosario.

The accounts presented and adopted showed that there is a balance from last season of \$47.94 to the credit of the League.

The Chairman, in a short verbal report on last season's working of the League, said it was a fairly successful one, though trouble was experienced owing to the hasty removal of troops, this causing some difficulty in getting teams together. The K.O.Y.L.L. were champions of the first division, and the 83rd Company R. G. A. headed the second division. With regard to the play, all the games were carried out in a thoroughly sportsmanlike way and he wished especially to mention the good spirit shown by the Yorkshiremen who, though the superior team, were not in the least arrogant.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Mr. R. Hancock; hon. secretary and treasurer (in place of Mr. Storr), Mr. A. S. Ellis; committee Messrs H. L. O. Garrett, Hongkong Club; Keith, H. M. S. Rosario, and Sgt. Wilson, R. G. A.

Attention was called to the fact that fees were still owing by some of the clubs, and it was resolved that in the present season no entry should be accepted from any club in arrears, and that fees must accompany the application for membership.

The advisability of allowing teams from the larger battalions to enter the League was debated, and it was decided to admit them. Entries for the first season will close on October 10, and for the second on Saturday, October 19, the first day of the League season.

Sergeant Wilson, Mr. Marsh and Corporal Smith were elected to sit as a committee to examine candidates for the referees' examination.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Storr for presiding, and for his services to the League as secretary and treasurer, concluded the meeting.

The Harbour Race.

As mentioned in a recent issue the annual Harbour Race for prizes presented by the "China Mail" has been fixed for Wednesday, October 2nd, weather permitting. As on all previous occasions the race is open to all amateurs in the Colony. To be a member of any of the local clubs is absolutely not necessary. This being so we would draw the attention of Naval and Military swimmers to the fact, hoping to receive a number of entries from both services as in former years. Entries close on Monday, 30th September, and may be sent, accompanied with an entrance fee of fifty cents, to the Sporting Editor, "China Mail," 5, Wyndham Street, or to Mr. Frank Lammert, Hon. Secretary, Victoria Recreation Club. Some half-dozen names have already been received.

Former winners have been, 1906, G. R. Brotherton, R.G.A.; 1907, A. E. Thomas, H.M.S. Tamar; 1908, A. E. Thomas, H.M.S. Tamar; 1909, C. J. Cooke, Hongkong; 1910, T. Logan, Hongkong; 1911, T. Logan, Hongkong. The distance is approximately one mile and has on every occasion been done under thirty minutes by the winner.

Gymkhana Notes.

Entries for the next Gymkhana, the last of the season, to be held on Saturday week (October 5th) closed yesterday evening, and, we understand, are up to the average of the season. Training is in full swing and some interesting gallops may be seen almost every morning at the Race Course. To-day both tracks were open, and several "pows" done on both. The best performance was Joy's rattling three-quarters—beating his "amalgam" over the last quarter in about 31½ seconds. Dofford did not seem to move so well as during previous trainings. It may be he is only temporarily off colour. Proudfoot pulls the whole distance, but is still going short. Maharratta Chief went a slow mile in very nice style, finishing easy. Norman Chief finished tired, a mile and a half is too much for him. Dunchmills has not quite got over his lameness yet and is out of condition. He finished very badly. Lots of Time is an improved pony, striding out better, but his time was poor.

The times taken yesterday and to-day were as follows:—

WEDNESDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER.

Favours, 1 mile, 45.4, 1.26.8, 2.04.8;

2.09.1, last quarter, 34.8.

Dallybrac, 4 miles, 39.3, 1.14, last quarter, 36.

Ben Macdhui, 1 mile, 49.5, 1.19.2,

1.54.3, last quarter, 35.1.

Joe Mighty and Revington, 11 miles

(Ashington 1 mile), 42, 1.22, 1.59.2,

1.25.2, 3.09.3, last quarter, 39.1.

Thursday, 26th SEPTEMBER.

Dofford, 1 mile, 45.8, 1.25.8, 2.01.1,

last quarter, 35.3.

Proudfoot, 11 miles, 40, 1.26, 2.06,

2.42.4, 3.19.4, 3.54.1, last quarter, 34.2.

Maharratta Chief, 1 last 1 mile, 38,

1.18.2, 1.47, last quarter, 30.3.

Black Diamond and Ben Macdhui, 11

last 1 mile, 37.3, 1.09.3, last quarter, 32,

Norman Chief, 11 miles, 47, 1.28.4,

3.09, 3.48.3, 3.18.2, 3.58.8, last quarter,

35.1.

Joy, 1 last 1 mile, 31, 1.05.3, last

quarter, 31.3.

Blackmore, Vale, and Demore, 1 mile,

45.4, 1.28.1, 2.06.4, 2.42.2, last quarter,

38.8.

Loss of Time, 11 miles, 50, 1.28, 2.17,

2.51.3, 3.46.7, 4.06.4, last quarter, 39.3.

Mogul Chief, 1 mile, 49, 1.26, 2.17.2,

last quarter, 41.2.

Dunchmills, 11 miles, 45, 1.29, 1.58,

2.56, 3.12, last quarter, 36.

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